

AAA Repair Surgeon Volume Comments

General Surgeon Volume Comments for all hospitals

Caritas Carney Hospital
Falmouth Hospital
Massachusetts General Hospital
Saint Anne's Hospital
Saints Memorial Medical Center

Caritas Carney Hospital

Endovascular repair was not included in the data.

Falmouth Hospital

Volume understated by 50% (EOHHS 8, FH 16)

Massachusetts General Hospital

The endovascular approach to AAA repair is an increasingly common alternative to the traditional open surgery. (An endovascular procedure is a "minimally invasive" one in which a small incision is made, and a graft or stent is threaded through the blood vessels into the appropriate location.) The AHRQ definition does not include these endovascular procedures. We prefer the Leapfrog definition – which includes these minimally invasive surgeries – to the AHRQ definition.

Saint Anne's Hospital

Endovascular repair was not included in the data.

Saints Memorial Medical Center

This analysis does not include endovascular repair of AAA. SMMC does this less invasive procedure and did 29 IN fy 04.